

# W. R. ATKINS PLEADS GUILTY

## Chinese Ultimatum Threatens War on Japs Tuesday

### Seizing Manchuria May Be Step to Colonize Province

Chiang Kaishek Demands  
Action by League, or  
War Tuesday

### CHINA ORGANIZING

150,000 Troops Beyond  
Great Wall May March  
on Japs

### BULLETIN

NANKING, China.—(AP)—Chiang Kaishek, president of China, in an address Monday assured if the Council of the League of Nations convening in an urgent session at Geneva Tuesday fails to obtain "a just settlement" of the Manchurian controversy, China will resort to war.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The gravest concern was expressed at the Department of State Monday over the threat by the president of China that war would be declared if the League of Nations Council, meeting Tuesday, failed to settle the Manchurian dispute with Japan satisfactorily.

MUKDEN, Manchuria.—Twenty-three thousand Japanese troops have just finished disembarking about a quarter of a million Chinese, and this is a dead city so far as business is concerned, the invaders having closed the university, the banks and many business houses.

Japs Bid For Empire  
The Japanese are said to be planning civil and military operations are apparently dazed by the swift maneuver last week of Japan's long military arm, aiming at possession of Manchuria, vast province this side of Mongolia, and one of the buffer states between China and the Russian province of Siberia.

The Japanese military coup d'etat last week was believed to be the forerunner of an attempt to colonize Manchuria with Japanese under a puppet government of Chinese officials, for the Japs struck hard and quickly, to inspire terror among Chinese troops, whom they conquered for the time being with a force only one-third as large.

But between Mukden and the Great Wall of China, Marshal Chang Tse-chang, blood brother of the late Manchurian dictator Chang Tse-lin, is organizing a Chinese army of 150,000 or more.

### Japan's Statement

Concerning Japanese occupation of Manchuria, a spokesman for the Tokyo Foreign Office said it would be impossible for Japan to withdraw her troops until China arranges to govern and police various districts where Japanese subjects live. China has demanded immediate withdrawal of Japanese troops from Chinese territory.

Describing the Manchurian situation as exceedingly grave following the bombing of Chinchow, which Japan declared was in self-defense, Dr. Alfred Sze, China's delegate to the league, urged Sir Eric Drummond that the league take urgent steps toward establishing peace.

It was reported that a truce was imminent between Nanking and the Southern government, inspired by Nanking's plea for "unity in China under the threat of foreign invasion."

### Young Cotton Picker Dies of Heart Disease

BLYTEVILLE.—Heart trouble was attributed as the cause of the sudden death Wednesday of William Forshes, 14-year-old cotton picker, who fell over in a cotton wagon while playing with other children on the Oscar Alexander farm at Half Moon. The youth had picked about 200 pounds of cotton during the day, and apparently was in good health. He was one of a family of 11, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Forshes, who came here recently from Mountain View.

### Prisoner Held at Tulsa For Arkansas Officials

TULSA Okla.—(AP)—George Gilbert alias John Lane, 49, was held here Friday pending decision on whether he should return to the Arkansas state prison farm at Tucker, near Little Rock, from which he escaped 19 years ago after serving a week of a two-year term for forgery.

### Bulletins

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A change in public sentiment, shifting from the criminal to the policeman for the role of popular hero, was advocated Monday by President Hoover as one means of stamping out excessive crime, in a radio message opening the annual convention of the International Association of Police Chiefs.

KANSAS CITY.—(AP)—Thad G. London, Kansas City alderman, announced Monday that a newly-organized transport company which he heads will begin operations about October 20 on an air passenger line from Memphis to Minneapolis, Minn., including intermediate stops at Springfield, Kansas City and Des Moines.

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—The appeals of C. E. Simmons and Jerry McGraw, sentenced to life imprisonment from Pulaski county, failed in the Arkansas Supreme Court Monday. Simmons was charged with killing Elgin Jordan for "knowing too much about a North Little Rock safe robbery," and Graham was charged with the murder of his wife, whose body was found in the burned ruins of their home near Jacksonville.

### Cotton Climbs In Face of Big Crop

9-Point Rise in Price Last  
Week—Record Heavy  
Buying

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Despite a forecast indicating the second largest crop in American history and a carry-over at the end of this season of probably 14,000,000 bales, the cotton market reported a gain of nine points last week over the week previous.

The average price of middling sevenths-inch on the 10 spot markets October 9 was 5.19 cents a pound compared with 5.10 on October 2 and for the week October future contracts advanced eight points to 5.65 at New York, the same at New Orleans and at Chicago advanced seven points to 5.75. Reported sales of spot cotton by the 10 markets amounted to \$529,155 bales compared with 463,631 the previous week and 241,095 for the same week last year.

Various reasons were given for the strength of the markets—the president's plan to bolster domestic finance, the rise in the securities market, the various acreage reduction schemes and the low price level which is said to discount the surplus situation.

On the strength of the latter, one cotton firm predicts that investment buying by outside interests in the next three months will outstrip anything seen since 1898-99 when prices were around current positions.

Trade Buying Heavy  
It is noted that the trade absorbs a large volume of cotton on every decline. This buying on the scaled-down sets stubborn resistance to declines below recent levels. While part of the price-saving demand for cotton may be credited to shorts who were alarmed by the action of values in the face of large crop figures, there is a growing confidence in the start of actual consumption.

Merchandising prospects for the fall and spring seem more hopeful to primary market drygoods men. There has been more activity in print cloths and sheeting with wider attention to possible needs for spring. Manufacturers predict that when retailers order sufficient supplies for anything like normal stocks on their depleted shelves there will be enough volume to give decided impetus to production.

It is considered significant that of 12 cotton trade opinions 10 are bullish, one bearish and one non-committal.

Price Still In Danger  
Although it is a question whether cotton can hold its advance if hedging increases with the movement of the crop, traders hesitate to be short on any market that the government and the bankers stand shoulder to shoulder to support. The indicated crop is more than 2,000,000 bales larger than that gained in 1930 but gin-nings prior to October 1 were about 1,000,000 short of last year's figure.

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### Goldhurst Parole To Be Probed by Bureau of Justice

Senator Glass' Attack  
Forces Promise of Action Monday

### "SHIELDED BISHOP"

Virginian Declares Broker  
Pleaded Guilty to Save  
Cannon

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The prosecution, conviction and subsequent parole of Harry L. Goldhurst, former New York broker who handled some stock transactions for Bishop James Cannon, Jr., will be reviewed by the Department of Justice.

This was promised Monday on behalf of Attorney General Mitchell after Senator Glass, of Virginia, had made public some correspondence in which he sought to ascertain whether "a blameworthy agreement" was made by justice officials in New York or elsewhere under which Goldhurst would receive early parole for a plea of guilty.

Senator Glass called Mitchell's attention to a charge that Goldhurst pleaded guilty to avert the summoning of Bishop Cannon as a witness in the case.

The question was advanced by the senator in correspondence with Attorney General Mitchell.

"It was stated," wrote the senator, "that Goldhurst, to avert the necessity of summoning Bishop Cannon as a witness in his case and thus revealing the prelate's gambling transactions, had consented to alter his plea and confess his crime upon the promise of a nominal sentence, to be reduced afterwards to parole or outright release."

"Whether there was a compact in New York, as alleged, which promised clemency to the swindler in compensation for averting the appearance in court of his ecclesiastical client, I am not in a position to declare; but regardless of whether the alleged agreement actually was made, the undeniable fact is that the reported terms of the alleged compact have been officially carried out."

A Favored Convict  
"In short, Goldhurst was among those favored convicts who were transferred from the federal prison at Atlanta to open camps for accessibility to their friends and relatives." He is now at Fort Meade near Washington and has been, by the Parole Board, ordered released next April.

Goldhurst to whom Senator Glass referred as a "bucket-shop adventurer" was indicted in May, 1928, for using the mails to defraud. Trial was held up for 15 months. He finally changed his plea of "not guilty" to "guilty" and was sentenced to five years. His parole, recently granted, will become effective next April.

Later the activities of Bishop Cannon in the stock market became known and he was tried by a church board. Records of these transactions were put before the grand jury here last week in its inquiry into the 1928 political activities of Bishop Cannon. Results of that inquiry probably will not be known for several days.

Senator Glass first wrote to Attorney General Mitchell last August 29, complaining about the "alleged compact" and asking that the files of the case be made public. October 5 Mitchell replied that the files would be open to inspection. Glass last Friday again wrote to the attorney general, complaining about the "alleged compact."

"All of the circumstances," wrote the senator then, "tend to confirm the suspicion that these illicit transactions were devised and acquiesced in for the purpose of shielding the reputation of a culprit of more importance than Goldhurst himself."

### Robinson Opposes Hoover Bank Plan

Declares It Would Force  
Frozen Paper Into  
Federal Reserve

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Senator Joe T. Robinson wrote Senator Glass of Virginia Monday that while he was "anxious to contribute every possible effort to the strengthening of credit and the revival of business" he had "no intention of giving approval to any plan which I believe is calculated to unload frozen securities on the Federal Reserve Bank."

Senator Robinson's letter replied to one from Senator Glass suggesting that one of President Hoover's business revival ideas involved an attempt to "clutter up the Federal Reserve Bank of this country with speculative securities."

### Held in Slaying Of 4 at Farm



Frank Gray, above, hired hand at the farm of Frank Boscher, near Burlington, Wis., faces prosecution in the slaying of four persons at the Boscher home. Police at Kenosha, where Gray was arrested, said he admitted killing Boscher, 58, two other members of Boscher's family, and a maid.

### D. A. R. Open-House Memorial Capitol

Hope, Prescott, DeQueen  
Chapters Present Program Tuesday

A program on the life and works of Thomas Jefferson will be offered at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 13, at an open house, the Civil War Memorial Capitol building at Washington, under the auspices of the John C. R. chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Guests of the Hope chapter will be the Prescott and DeQueen chapters, who will be joint hostesses with the local organization when Hope entertains the state convention of the D. A. R. next spring.

Included in Tuesday's program will be the following:  
"America," opening song.  
"The Life of Thomas Jefferson," by Helen R. Marshall.  
"Liberty" (Kreisler), George Randolph Ruffin Marshall.

"The Declaration of Independence," Mrs. Edward Beasley.  
"Benedict" (Bach Saint Saens) and "Etude in F Minor" (Liszt), Mary Bell Marshall.

"Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," Mrs. Tully Henry.  
Violin Obligato, George R. R. Marshall.

"The D. A. R. and its Relationship to the Constitution of Government," Mrs. Wilbur D. Jones.  
"Star-Spangled Banner."

Tuesday's meeting is an open house, to which the public is invited. D. A. R. officials announced. Mrs. William H. Arnold, of Texarkana, state regent for the D. A. R., will attend.

### LaFayette Controversy Finally in High Court

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—A controversy of long standing between a school teacher and a county school superintendent reached the supreme court Friday when transcript was filed in the case of E. C. Owens vs. Lee Measles on appeal from the LaFayette circuit court.

In his complaint Owens alleged that while he was teaching in school district No. 25 in LaFayette county he received a special delivery letter from Superintendent Measles notifying him his license was revoked on a charge of immorality, and he was ordered to appear before the county superintendent for an investigation.

Owens appeared, his complaint alleges, accompanied by his attorney, who asked that Superintendent Measles disqualify himself from hearing the complaint, being a party to the controversy. This was refused and an injunction was granted in circuit court on a writ of certiorari. The order cancelling the license and suspending the court and Measles was ordered to disqualify himself for the hearing.

### Peanut Growers Will Hold Meet at Gurdon

GURDON, Ark.—A. O. Wells, who was instrumental in getting the farmers to plant peanuts this year, has called a meeting at the city hall Saturday afternoon to determine the number of bushels of peanuts raised by each farmer for the market. Wells says he must have this information Saturday as he is going to Memphis Monday to meet the buyer and must know how many bushels to close the deal for at that time.

### J. S. Parks Joins Governor Parnell On Auditing Bill

Fort Smith Commissioner  
With Governor, Against  
Dwight Blackwood

### TO MEET TUESDAY

Senate Backing Highway  
Chairman—House Holds  
With Governor

LITTLE ROCK.—With the Arkansas senate lined up behind Dwight H. Blackwood and opponents of the revised highway department audit bill, and the house controlled by Governor Parnell, the fate of the auditing act hung in the balance as the special session prepared to meet again Tuesday after a week-end recess.

Upon the reconvening of the Senate, which is credited by the House and a majority of its own members with having willfully blocked all efforts to reach an agreement on the audit question, it will be confronted with statements from Governor Parnell and two members of the state Highway Commission that they believe the bill sponsored by the Audit Commission should be passed "without hampering amendments."

The Senate amended the House bill to make it practically the same as the Senate bill, which is supported by friends of Chairman Dwight H. Blackwood of the Highway Department and which was tabled in the House Friday.

A telegram from Clarence F. Byrns, representative of J. S. Parks, Fort Smith publisher and member of the Highway Commission, said that Mr. Parks would favor passage of a bill to give the Audit Commission full authority to make a complete audit and investigation.

Returning from Washington yesterday, Mr. Parks learned details of the special session and sent Judge W. J. Waggoner of Lonoke, chairman of the Audit Commission, a telegram in which he expressed himself emphatically in favor of passage of the House audit bill without the amendments tacked on in the Senate.

Mr. Parks' Message  
"I feel strongly that the Audit Commission should be given full powers to make thorough investigation of Highway Department affairs without any hampering restrictions whatever. I earnestly hope the Senate will recede from its amendments and approve the House bill, so there can be no possible doubt that the Audit Commission has full authority to do its work in the most thorough manner possible."

"In so important a matter, there is no excuse for quibbling or sidestepping. The people of Arkansas want an audit. They should have it without any strings attached to it."

While most of the senators and representatives went home Saturday night, it was predicted Sunday by leaders in both Houses that a quorum will be on hand Tuesday afternoon. Under a ruling by the attorney general last week that the total elected membership of the House now is 37, since three members have died, their places have not been filled by elections. A majority and a quorum in the branch. There are no vacancies in the Senate and 18 senators, the number that has been voting against the House audit bill, would be required to transact business legally.

Mr. Matthews Silent  
Justin Matthews, another member of the Highway Commission, who has been out of the city, returned to his home Sunday, but did not comment upon the legislative disturbance over the audit bill. He said that he would reply to Judge Waggoner's communication, however.

Dr. Morgan Smith, Pulaski county representative, who was one of the four members of the House appointed to confer with a Senate Conference Committee, said Sunday that a report, published in Sunday's Gazette, that the House group had indicated a willingness to agree to two of the Senate amendments to the Bransford audit bill, provided the third amendment was withdrawn, was "without foundation."

He said that he was certain the House Conference Committee at no stage of the proceedings had been willing to consent to the amendments prohibiting the expenditure of more than \$100,000 in the audit and requiring at least two members of the Audit Commission to take testimony, on condition that the Senate not insist upon the amendment to prohibit any member of the Audit Commission from being a candidate within the next two years for any office not held by him now.

A Political Battle  
The most serious clash between the

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### State-Wide Meeting Is Called on Audit

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—A state-wide mass meeting to consider the legislative impasse on the State Highway Department audit question, was called Monday by three chamber of commerce organizations, to be held in Little Rock Tuesday morning.

The Pine Bluff and Camden Chambers of Commerce, and the South Arkansas Chamber of Commerce are jointly sponsoring the meeting, which is to be held a few hours before the legislature reconvenes after its week-end recess.

Meanwhile, a mass meeting of citizens at Camden Monday, under the auspices of the chamber of commerce there, adopted a resolution in favor of the house highway audit bill without the senate amendments which have caused the legislative deadlock.

The Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday adopted the same resolution.

The state-wide meeting Tuesday will open at 10 a. m. at the state capitol.

### State Comes First An Editorial

If the voters and taxpayers of Southwest Arkansas want the kind of audit which the non-partisan Highway Audit Commission says will be a true investigation, they had better get busy Monday night and Tuesday morning and wire the Arkansas senate to back down on its policy of blocking and obstructing action in this emergency.

According to the picture presented to us by the Associated Press, the house of representatives passed a new audit bill as suggested by the non-partisan audit commissioners. The senate, instead of co-operating, tacked on three amendments to change the nature of the bill.

The Little Rock newspapers add these additional facts to the picture: There has been a break in the relations between Governor Parnell and Chairman Blackwood of the State Highway Commission. Governor Parnell controls the house; Chairman Blackwood apparently controls the senate—the Arkansas Gazette states that Mr. Blackwood sat long in conference with the senate, after which the senate announced it could not get together with the house.

Obviously there is some bitter politics in the special session. But what has this got to do with a business-like examination of the expenditure of 100 million dollars allegedly for good roads during the last four years? We use the word "allegedly" advisedly. But it will always be written "allegedly" until a thorough audit establishes the highway construction program as having been honestly handled.

That is what we are driving at. Every newspaper in the state hammered long and hard for the good roads program. We defended the road administration on each and every occasion. We gave them the benefit of the doubt—for the men on the job generally deserve it.

But this is the end of the major construction program. Now is the time to account for expenditures. Two audit bills were juggled, in 1929 and again in the spring of 1931. And now in the special session of 1931 we are treated to the picture of the chairman of the State Highway Commission deliberately blocking this action which all the state desires.

Isn't pleasant to write this about the head of the state highway system. But Mr. Blackwood is making his own record—and the present chapter is turning the state upside down.

In simple fairness to Governor Parnell, whom we took to task last spring for being jointly responsible for the "fluke" audit bill of the regular session, he has acquitted himself before his critics by including the audit question again in the special session.

The challenge rests on Mr. Blackwood to explain why obstruction has to be the order of the day.

### Night Force Added To Receive Loans

Money Pours Into Memphis  
As Farmers Pay  
Off U. S. Loans

MEMPHIS.—(AP)—J. H. Lynch, administrator in charge of the Federal Farm Seed Loan office here, said Monday that collections on loans made last spring to drought-stricken farmers throughout this section are coming in so fast that it has been necessary to employ a night-shift to handle the detail of credit borrowers who are now paying back the government.

Mr. Lynch said repayments soon will total a million dollars a week. Arkansas, with 9 million dollars borrowed, was reported to be leading in repayment.

### Revival Closed at McNab Last Sunday

A successful revival came to a close at the Church of Christ at McNab Sunday when five people were baptized. The Rev. H. E. Higgs, of Lamar, Johnson county, conducted the revival, which started Saturday, October 3. This church has no regular pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Higgs has been asked to return for another revival meeting some months hence.

### McCaskill Banker Gets Two Years To Prison Dec. 12

Was Sentenced and Released by Lieut. Gov. Wilson Same Day Last Spring

### IS STILL INDICTED

Prosecutor Alford Announces Dismissal If Term Is Served

William R. Atkins, former cashier of the defunct Bank of McCaskill, pleaded guilty to two indictments for receiving deposits in an insolvent bank and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary in Hempstead circuit court before Judge Dexter Bush Monday morning at Washington.

Atkins is to begin serving his sentence December 12.

Upon completion of his prison term, the remaining 19 indictments will be dismissed, prosecuting Attorney Willard Alford announced.

Atkins was represented in court Monday by George R. Haynie, Camden attorney who also represented him at the first trial one year ago.

It became a celebrated case last April 11 when Atkins, after being sentenced to four years in prison for embezzlement, was granted an indefinite furlough by Acting Governor Lawrence Wilson the same day. The prisoner arrived at the state penitentiary to begin serving his sentence.

The identity of the prisoner and the circumstances of his conviction and immediate release by the lieutenant governor, were exposed by Hope Star April 17. The details being kept over the entire state.

Prosecuting Attorney Alford told the Star last spring that he intended to "try Atkins a few indictments at a time until he had served his term in the penitentiary." There were 19 indictments against the prisoner at the opening of October term of court, and 19 remain in the event that executive clemency is again extended him.

### Notched Tab, New Cigarette Feature

Cellophane Wrapper  
Equipped With Opening Device

Mildred's fingernails which have suffered during the last few months because of the difficulty in opening packages of cigarettes, wrapped in cellophane are protected by the new notched-tab cellophane package now on the market.

By holding down one of the tabs the other can be easily pulled open and the wrapping parts along a line impressed into the cellophane. Cellophane is another of the improvements introduced in cigarette manufacture and in keeping cigarettes fresh supplements the throat protection offered by such modern methods of manufacture as the toasting process which includes the use of ultra violet rays.

While cellophane in the past has been appreciated because of its advantages in acting as a humidor for the cigarette package there has been some criticism because of the difficulty in opening a package. This criticism is eliminated by the invention of the new notched-tab package.

### Dr. L. M. Lile Leaves for New York City

Dr. L. M. Lile left Hope Saturday night for New York City to receive his fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, to which he was elected early this year. The honor will be conferred at the annual convention of the college, which is held at the new Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York from Monday, October 12, through Friday the 15th.

### Reduction of War Debt to Be Talked at Parley

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Reductions in war debts payments will be considered by the United States only if European nations in turn effect drastic curtailments of armament.

President Hoover, in his approaching conference with Premier Laval of France, expects to press his views that disarmament and a naval holiday cannot be logically separated from the question of war debts and the world financial condition.

There has been no indication, however, the administration would enter into a complete revision of war debts.



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## The Star's Platform

### CITY

Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the industrial and social resources of Hope.

Improve city pavement in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in the alley and business back-yards.

Support the Chamber of Commerce.

### COUNTY

A county highway program providing for the construction of a complete circuit of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the dirt road mileage.

Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural program which offers practical benefits to Hemphill county's greatest industry.

Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort is the best method in the country as it is in town.

### STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.

Fairness in reform, and a more efficient government through the budget system of expenditures.

Free Arkansas from live cattle tick.

## Cotton Stands the Gaff

NO better evidence was needed than the performance in the cotton market last week to show that the 1930-31 business depression has touched bottom, and the recovery has already begun.

Cotton prices rose last week in the face of an October government forecast 600,000 bales larger than in September, and with the exception of the 1926 season the largest American crop in history.

The weekly report of the Department of Agriculture, published in today's Star, shows total sales of spot cotton in the 10 markets amounting to 529,155 bales, against 483,631 bales the week before, and 241,095 a year ago. Total exports for the season thus far are weak, 925,000 bales; against 1,500,000 bales at the same time a year ago—but in the domestic market the upward swing has begun. Just as in the past, it will be the United States that leads the world back to prosperity.

We hear complaints that despite her record-breaking crop Arkansas "will spend it all repaying the government at Washington."

This isn't the right kind of talk. What we need now is the spirit of thanksgiving for what we do have, and the nerve to go after the rest of it next season. The country is coming back. But even this year a cotton crop of 1,750,000 bales will leave nearly 35 million dollars cash in this state. Here are the figures:

At 5 cents a pound the crop will bring about 44 million dollars. Arkansas farmers owe the government 9 millions. Picking the crop, at 35 cents a hundred, counting 1,500 pounds to the bale in the field, will cost 8 1-2 million dollars. Ginning, at 4 dollars a bale, will mean another 7 million dollars. What the farmers owe the local banks for this year's crop is problematical, but we figure about half the government's loans, or 4 1-2 million.

Against 44 million dollars revenue, therefore, there stands 28 million dollars' expense—a surplus of 15 million dollars.

But all the money spent for cotton-picking, ginning and local banking, stays in Arkansas. What we actually lose is the 9 million dollars to be repaid the government. Arkansas will keep 35 of the 44 million dollars produced by the 1931 crop.

Most of the complaints you hear are the natural disappointment of harassed human beings who expected this year to pay off 1930's losses as well as its own expense. It can't be done in a panic. We haven't done badly on the 1931 score-board, taking it all by itself; and going into the new year we shall be in better shape than either the wheat belt or the industrial areas, one harassed by tremendous bank loans this season, and the resources of the other depleted by two years' of unemployment.

## "The Little Colonel"

THE columns of more important news probably kept many newspaper readers from noticing the recent dispatch announcing the death of Mrs. Annie Fellows Johnson, author of the "Little Colonel" books; but there are countless middle-aged Americans who grew up on these books, in which the news will provoke a good deal of pleasant reminiscence.

Now the "Little Colonel" books were not, by any critical standard, good literature. In another generation they will almost certainly have disappeared, and the juvenile reading public will be none the worse for it. But they belong in that peculiar classification which holds a great many of childhood's favorites, and it is a great deal harder to write books of that kind than most people may suppose.

For the child, when he opens a book, demands something special—a touch of magic, the opening of a door through which he can escape from an imperfect world and get some help in the dreaming of dreams. Write for adults and you choose any one of two dozen angles of approach; write for a child and one thing is inexorably demanded of you—the ability to lift the youngster into never-never land.

This job was attempted in the "Little Colonel" books; and, really, the author did not do so badly. There was a priggishness about the books, of course, an insistence on the good, the true and the beautiful that was a big saccharine; but there was also just a hint of that enchantment, that magic, which all great juvenile literature possesses.

Youngsters, by and large, are given a terrible lot of tripe to read. The tradition of Horatio Alger is still strong in the land. The "Little Colonel" was a step upward, just as were the Oz books—one or two of which, conceivably, may live a long time—and the Hollow Tree books. These books did not attain greatness, but they were above the common lot.

## Tush! Tush! San't You See I'm Busy?



## Daily WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER  
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WASHINGTON—Once more the capital is without a "good" speaker.

It is back on the old basis of dark, dingy little rooms where pails of gin and bad whisky are kept in bathtubs ready for instant dumping.

And McGinty's grandiose vision of a nice, clean, well-conducted saloon for the gentry of Washington and their ladies has been cruelly smashed.

McGinty is not the real name of the hero of this saga, but it will have to do. He is widely known here and admired—for his nerve—as the only gin vendor of the town who has persistently refused to agree with all his competitors, the local law enforcement situation justifies a larger investment than a shabby \$30 apartment, a few old chairs, two or three jars of alcohol, a couple of pails, and a bottle of gin-drops.

The police have tried often to convince McGinty of his error, but as often as they closed him up his stubborn faith in an ideal has led him to resume operations elsewhere amid surroundings more luxurious and palatial than ever. His latest rise from the ashes of defeat into new quarters of breath-taking splendor has, after a brief but brilliant career of two or three months, culminated in a raid and a padlock. That's why Washington is again without a "good" speaker.

McGINTY'S customers were attracted from all walks of white-collar life, and included a large sprinkling of college boys, newspaper men, prominent diplomats and ladies of leisure.

It was he who popularized the 35-cent gin buck in Washington. Most of his business, in fact, was done in those gin bucks, although it wasn't as if McGinty didn't have whiskies, beer and even varieties of liqueurs on hand at one time or another. The trademarked McGinty gin buck was made up of gin, fresh lime juice, lemon soda and ice. It was considered vastly superior to the ordinary gin bucks sold in the unpretentious places for a quarter, which only had a few drops of lemon juice instead of the fresh lime juice.

McGinty's attitude was that of the old-time saloonkeeper who was always proud of his place. He always expressed confidence that the

police would come to smile kindly on the only "nice clean place" in Washington. Once he even went to a police captain and harangued him with a demand for consideration for the "drinking element" in Washington, which he said was as much entitled to sympathy as any other element.

He always operated in the heart of the city, except once, when he opened an uptown branch and became promptly involved with a cop who objected because a bear truck was blocking the alley. His speakeasy was always sure to have a bar and when McGinty and his staff were forced to move the bar was carted out in the dead of night and moved too. Three or four years ago the cops began picketing the place he had then, taking names of customers going in and out. McGinty had a buzzer system which admitted only known faces.

Finally the cops grew tired of picketing and came smashing in. They did that a few times and McGinty moved off into more space, with many new features, including handsome mural decorations. He lasted much more than a year, the only downtown speakeasy admitting women. Other operators said it was fatal to admit women. The cops picketed again and then began banging on the door. Every time they banged on the door McGinty's minions dumped all the liquor. This became rather tedious and, after the first raid, McGinty became convinced they were after him and made another change of base.

Last summer he took over a large abandoned clubhouse opposite one of the largest government buildings. Customers could see the White House from the windows when trees were bare. This time McGinty offered them a large restaurant, adjacent to the bar, with an expert chef and excellent cuisine. There was even an expensive nickel phonograph. Watchers were at the door and pushed a "dumb-buzzer" at any sign of trouble. The establishment was so huge and so well appointed that the customers gasped in ecstasies of admiration and wondered how long it would last.

The police claim gin was sold to one of their agents and they have McGinty and several of his staff on bail and there's a padlock on the door. McGinty's customers suspect that he will now try to rent a wine

## Peppy!



If the athletes of Baton Rouge, La., high school don't get plenty of support from the rooting section, it won't be the fault of Rose Long, 14-year-old daughter of Governor Huey Long. She is school cheer leader and is seen here at practice.

## BARBS

Now that Al Capone's income has been cut to \$2,000,000 we can expect the gangs to take matters into their own hands and bring back prosperity.

And if more pay cuts are in the offing, it won't be long before we're all at sea.

The Soviets, says a pastor, wouldn't tolerate a "Follies" show. Probably would be more than they could bare.

The government is lining up to prosecute tax plotters. Well, maybe the line had to be drawn somewhere.

The expert who said pie is not made of dough alone would probably admit that neither is a bank roll.

A plowing champion kept his title in a contest at Big Rock. Looks like none of his competitors could share Big Rock with him.

## Fire Fighting Crew Overcome by Smoke

NEW YORK—(AP)—Thirty firemen were overcome by sulphurous smoke and 200 families were driven from their homes by a fire Friday morning in the factory of the Empire Book Match company.

The firemen were revived and none was reported seriously injured. Tenement dwellers residing nearby their watery eyes and coughing.

## Pile Sufferers

You can only get quick, safe and lasting relief by removing the cause—congestion of blood in the lower bowel. Nothing but an internal remedy can do this—that's why cutting and salves fail. Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid, a harmless tablet, is guaranteed to quickly and safely banish any form of pile misery or money back. Ward & Son and druggists everywhere sell it with this guarantee. Adv.

## STOP USING SODA! BAD FOR STOMACH

Much soda disturbs digestion. For sour stomach and gas, Adierika is far better. One dose will rid you of bowel poisons which cause gas and bad sleep. John S. Gibson Drug Company. Adv.

## Home Room Group Elects Officers

### 9-A Class to Hold Regular Meetings Throughout School Year

During the home room period October 8th, the 9-A class of the local Junior High school elected the following officers to head their organization for the year:

President—Steven Bader.  
 Vice President—J. W. Harper.  
 Secretary—Jewel Stiles.  
 Treasurer—Charles Carpenter.  
 Sergeant-at-Arms—Paul Jones.  
 Hostess—Verna Greenlee.  
 Committees:

Program—Wisener, Lewis, Smith.

Reception—Wyatt, McKamey, and Haynes.

House Keeping—Bearden, Story, Pauline Jones.

Welfare—Porterfield, Barnum, and Lewallen.

Good News—Sue E. Jones, Gable and Kennedy.

9-A Sponsor—Paul I. Hinant.

Motto: "Do In Co-operation."

Creed: "Since the school is the training field for democracy make a democracy of the school."

Objectives of Home Room organizations to establish a more intimate interest between teacher and pupils to enable the teacher to become personal adviser of the pupil.

1. Study individual differences in age, abilities, ambitions, temperaments, interests, educational and vocational plans.

2. Help pupils to discover and evaluate their own abilities, talents, and weak points and to recognize the part that these will have in any plans they may make for the future.

3. Give the pupils an understanding and appreciation of the value of the school and emphasize the necessity for a careful choice along this line.

4. Recognize and encourage the contribution of the individual pupil to the school and community.

5. To practice group loyalty and co-operation.

6. To train in all things—social, moral, civic and educational, through the democratic pupil participation in affairs of the school.

7. To develop class pride in scholarship, conduct, and service.

## Fulton

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilson and Mrs. W. G. Schmale were recent visitors in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schweiderhof and daughter, Frances, of Kilgore, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellis, of Ozan, visited in the home of Mrs. J. L. O'Dell Friday.

Mrs. E. H. Cox, Mrs. Alfred Fentrell, Mrs. J. J. Battle and Mrs. C. E. Royston visited in Texarkana Saturday.

Horace Parker was a Thursday visitor in Texarkana.

A. Schweizerhof made a business trip to Hope Thursday.

Miss Mattie Royston was a Saturday visitor in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanson of Hope, visited relatives in Fulton recently.

Butler Sturdivant and Miss Demma Seymour attended a show in Hope recently.

Mrs. Henry Wilson and daughter, Helen, of Fulton, and Mrs. Paul Hanson of Hope, were shopping in Texarkana Thursday.

Mrs. Obe Wilson and Miss Lenora Wilson were Saturday visitors in Hope.

Miss Nellie Threlkeld of Texarkana, was a Friday visitor in Fulton.

Miss Alma Atkins, member of the High School faculty here, spent the week-end in her home in Hope.

Little Eleanor Seymour, who has been ill, is improving.

Miss Myrtle Threlkeld spent the week-end in her home in Texarkana.

Mrs. B. A. Wilson and Miss Helen Wilson were Saturday visitors in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer of Texarkana, were recent visitors of relatives in Fulton. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kidd and family who will spend several days visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilson and children and Mrs. R. G. Roberts were Saturday shoppers in Hope.

Marshall Blackstock and Tommy Marvin, current wrestlers, were both formerly prize fighters.

Freshman football candidates reporting in the home of Mrs. Henry Wilson last week-end.

Mrs. I. E. Odom and Mrs. Dan Yarbrough were recent visitors in Hope.

Butler Sturdivant of Mineral Springs, visited in Fulton this week-end.

Holley gained 204 yards in 21 tries during Alabama's first football game of the year.

Cardui Had Helped Her During Girlhood

"I WAS tired all the time—had misery in my back and sides that kept me feeling bad," writes Mrs. H. H. Penn, 839 Front St., Portsmouth, Ohio. "I was in a nervous and weakening condition. I lost in weight."

"During girlhood, mother had given me Cardui, and it had helped me so much then that I decided to take it again. I took several bottles and my strength began to return and I gained in weight. I soon lost that tired and weary feeling."

"Cardui has done me a great deal of good since then. I have taken Cardui several times . . . and have been benefited. It does me lots of good, and I am always ready to recommend it."

Cardui

FOR the famous Jupiter necklace two murders were committed, lovers were parted and reputations shattered. The lure of the famous rubies precipitated a series of events which makes "Gems of Peril" by Hazel Ross Hailey a tremendously thrilling serial. Watch for it beginning Wednesday in HOPE STAR

## Freckles and His Friends Economy!



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Hope Star



# SOCIETY

Mrs. Sid Henry

Telephone 321

When a noble deed is wrought,  
When a noble thought is thought,  
Our hearts, in glad surprise,  
To higher levels rise.

The tidal wave of deeper souls  
Into our inmost being rolls,  
And lifts us unaware  
Out of all meaner cares.

Honor to those whose words or deeds  
Thus help us in our daily needs,  
And by their overflow  
Raise us from what is low.

—Selected

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Thompson have had as guests for the past few days Mrs. B. B. Brown of Baton Rouge, La., David Thompson, of Moreauville, La., and Mrs. Ruffin Boyett and children of Little Rock.

Miss Jean Lester left Sunday morning for Nashville, where she will be instructor in a Baptist Sunday School Clinic.

Through the short fall and winter days, beginning Tuesday, October 13, the library rooms will close at 5:30.

Mrs. R. T. Bryant is spending this week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore in Port Arthur, Texas.

Mrs. B. F. Ellington and little son, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Moore for the past two weeks left Monday morning for their home in Atlanta, Tex.

Mrs. J. F. Corin spent Monday visiting with friends in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. King had as Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Mobley and Mrs. Russell Mobley and two sons, Dan and Russell, Jr., of Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Murphy and Mrs. Edward Russell spent the week end visiting with Mr. Russell in Kilgore, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Ess White were Sunday visitors in Magnolia.

Mrs. J. T. Barr, Sr., of Norman, Ark., is the guest of her son, Harvey Barr and Mrs. Barr and other relatives.

Judge and Mrs. A. P. Steele and Miss Catherine Steele of Ashdown were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stroud.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Collins of Arkadelphia spent the week end visiting with relatives in the city.

The Choral Club, with Mrs. R. A. Boyett as director will meet promptly at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. T. White, 220 N. Washington street.

Mrs. W. P. Harman spent the week end visiting with her sister, Miss Vera Hardeste, in Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia.

Mrs. P. A. Sharp and Mrs. R. M.

## Budapest's Beautiful Belle



Budapest's best-built belle beat Belgian beach babes beseeching beauty bounty. For fair Fanny Ferryness's fascinating form found first favor. Here's happy Hungarian honey.

LaGrone spent Saturday visiting with friends and relatives in Texarkana.

Mrs. L. M. Lile and Mrs. C. W. Wilson left Monday for a visit in Little Rock.

A marriage of interest to a wide circle of friends, was that of Miss Ethel Norville Bemis of Prescott and William Rector Johnson of Malvern, which was solemnized on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, at the First Presbyterian church in Prescott, by Rev. Harmon B. Ramsey, reading the impressive ring service in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends. Preceding the ceremony, a program of nuptial music, including "Annie Laurie," "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms" was rendered by Mrs. Warren Cummings.

## THE NEWFANGLES (Mom'n Pop)



When Chick's salary was doctored 40% in three months, the Newfangles' budget all out of joint. Installments came due so thick and fast that Gladys decided that even a modern wife could be a help-mate. So, after consulting with her husband, she launched her "Secret Plan."

CHICK WOULD NEVER CONSENT TO IT.

THEN I WON'T TELL HIM.

## OUT OUR WAY



OH, GOODNIGHT, MA!—THEY LEAVE DON'T. HAFTE BE RAKED UP, RIGHT NOW!—A LITTLE LATER, CAN'T I?

YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT NOW, WHILE SHE'S PRACTICING, SO SHE WON'T THINK SHE'S THE MOST ABUSED CREATURE IN THE WORLD. — AND I WANT HER WORKING WHEN YOU ARE, SO YOU WON'T THINK YOU'RE THE MOST ABUSED PERSON IN THE WORLD. — JUST LOOK IN THE WINDOW AND YOU'LL SEE HER SUFFERING, AND SHE CAN LOOK OUT AND SEE YOU SUFFERING — AND YOU'LL BOTH FEEL BETTER.

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

## It's Like This



COULD THE MAN BE A LITTLE MORE INTERESTED IN THE ADJOURNAL OF THE MAIL ABUSED CHICKS SUSPICIONS?

AND WHEN A LETTER CAME ADDRESSING TO HER, IN A BOLD, UNFAMILIAR, AND UNUSUAL MANNER, SHE REGISTERED JEALOUSY AND IS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT THE MEANING OF ALL THIS.

## By Williams, Mid-South Advises

### Holding of Cotton

### Farmers Urged to Join Pools and Force Price to Higher Level

Thousands of cotton farmers are refusing to sell their cotton at such low prices. Instead, they are joining the Mid-South Cotton Growers Association, placing their cotton in pools, and are carrying it, hoping that better prices will be had in some future months.

The Mid-South Cotton Growers Association is the only cotton growers organization in Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri, and is taking the lead in advising farmers not to sell at such low prices.

According to a statement by H. Vandiver, Field Service Director, it is reported that the Association is receiving hundreds of new members daily, and a large majority are placing their cotton in pools that will give the grower the advantage of a better price later on.

Mr. Vandiver stated, "that cotton growers owe it to themselves, their families and their creditors, to get absolutely every penny out of the present crop that is humanly possible to obtain, and that cotton sold outright is bringing little less than nothing." He explained that when cotton left the grower's hands in an outright sale it was gone forever, but when placed in the Association's holding pools the grower stood a chance to realize more out of it, especially so if economic conditions improved and legislative activities bring the results that many expect.

Mr. Vandiver is advising growers to think before they sell.

### Monkey Business, Saenger Last Times Monday

For those who like real honest slapstick comedy replete with laughs and giggles and a pretty love romance interwoven, among the laughs the Marx Brothers' latest picture play, "Monkey Business" is the real goods. First day crowds at the Saenger Sunday were in a constant state of hilarity and all were lavish in their praise of this latest Marx Brothers vehicle and here's the story of how the Marx boys started in the clowning business:

A mule ran away—and started the Marx Brothers on the road to comedy renown.

## Watch Your Kidneys

### Treat Disordered Kidney Function Promptly

A nagging backache, with bladder irritation, burning, scanty and too frequent passage and getting up at night may warn of disordered kidney function. Thousands recommend Doan's Pills in these conditions. Praised for 50 years by grateful users the country over. Sold by dealers everywhere.

### Doan's Pills

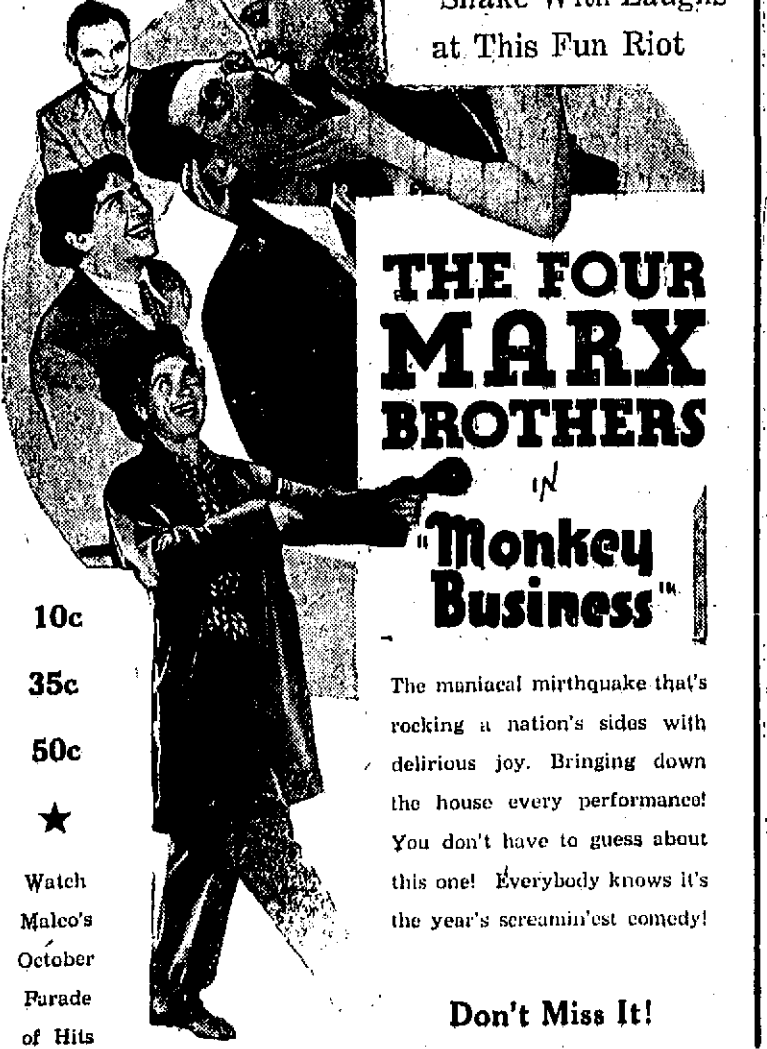
CANBERRA, Australia. (AP)—The Australian minister for customs has prohibited the importation of tear gas or its apparatus.

Following communist riots in several states, the police suggested the tear gas might be a better weapon than clubs, but the minister who is a leading pacifist said tear gas was too warlike.

Iowa-born young men constitute 10 per cent of this year's University of Iowa football squad.

Ray Morrison, Jr., 14, son of the Southern Methodist coach, is playing football for Highland Park High School, Dallas, Texas.

## Last Times MONDAY! SAENGER Shake With Laughs at This Fun Riot



## THE FOUR MARX BROTHERS

### "Monkey Business"

The maniacal mirthquake that's rocking a nation's sides with delicious joy. Bringing down the house every performance! You don't have to guess about this one! Everybody knows it's the year's screamiest comedy!

10c 35c 50c

Watch Malco's October Parade of Hits

Don't Miss It!

## Saenger Theater

### Tuesday--Wednesday

The star of "Paid" and "Dance Fools Dance" brings you her most exciting and glamorous picture. Joan Crawford in the romantic sensation "This Modern Age" with Neil Hamilton, Marjorie Rambeau, Pauline Frederick and Monroe Owsley.

### Thursday--Friday

Greta Garbo magnificently thrilling in "Susar Lenox" the fall and rise with an all star cast including Clara Gable, Jean Harlow and John Miljan. Come and be thrilled by this great picture.

### Saturday

"East of Borneo." A great thriller, even better than "Trader Horn." More animals than Noah's Ark and with a love romance greater than the ages. Don't miss it.

### J. S. PARKS JOINS

(Continued From Page One)

Senate and House that has occurred in many years was attributed by several members of both houses to a break between Governor Parnell and Dwight R. Blackwood, chairman of the state Highway Commission.

It was said on good authority that the governor and highway commissioner had a "political misunderstanding" before or during the regular session last winter and that the breach had widened steadily since.

During the discussion in the House Saturday, Representative Johnson of Johnson county, bitter critic of the Highway Department, charged that the \$25,000 publicity appropriation for the department, made at the regular session, was "intended to make Blackwood governor."

In a controversy for two days over provisions of rival highway audit bills, the Senate and House apparently drifted farther apart Saturday and

both houses recessed until Tuesday afternoon.

Commission. Mr. Blackwood has been conferring separately with members of the Senate since the highway audit bill reached the upper house.

### COTTON CLIMBS

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ber 8 estimated the 1931 cotton crop, based on conditions as of October 1, at 16,300,000 bales of 500 pound gross weight. This estimate indicates in terms of 500 pound bales the second largest crop of record, the 1926 production amounting to 18,000,000 similar bales.

Because of the rapid opening of the crop during the latter part of September, field loss of seed cotton was expected to be somewhat greater than usual. In the forecast some allowance was made for the greater than average potential loss of opened cotton since the forecast relates to probable ginnings. Exports to October 9th this season amounted to about 925,000 bales compared with 1,500,000 a year ago for the like period.

Milo Lubratovich, for three years a star tackle at the University of Wisconsin, will be on the intramural coaching staff at Madison this fall.

Alvin Ulbricksen, youthful head coach and former oarsman of the University of Washington crew, has signed a new three-year contract at his alma mater.

### Jacob M. Carter, Former Judge, Dies at Texarkana

TEXARKANA—Former Judge Jacob M. Carter, aged 66, died at his home here Friday afternoon. He was born and reared in Pike county and was educated at Ouachita college, Arkadelphia. After graduating in 1888, he came to Texarkana and began the practice of law. In 1902 he was elected prosecuting attorney and held the office two terms. In 1906 he was elected judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, holding the office eight years. He was twice an unsuccessful candidate for Congress. In 1893 he married Miss Nellie Estes of Texarkana, daughter of the late Judge Ben T. Estes and a sister of Federal Judge William Lee Estes, who died last year. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Ben E. Carter, Texarkana attorney; J. M. Carter, business man at Little Rock, and Lieut. Hicks Carter, United States navy, and one daughter, Mrs. Matt Reeves of Dallas. The funeral will be held at the home Sunday afternoon.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



### TROPICAL FLOWERS

BLOOM WITHIN THE ICE-RIMMED ANIAKCHAK CRATER, ON THE ALASKAN PENINSULA.

J.R. DRAKE OF ALBANY, GA. IS ONLY 35 YEARS OLD... YET HE HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL ACTOR, PAINTER, COOK, HOUSEKEEPER, BOOKKEEPER, CLERK, ACCOUNTANT, AUDITOR, BUYER, PRIVATE SECRETARY, SALESMAN, MANAGER, GARDENER, STENOGRAPHER, BILLING & POSTING MACHINE OPERATOR, WEAVER, GRADER, AND SPEAKER.

## Bob's Grocery

The new store is now open for business.

All new, fresh stock, bought at the lowest prices in many years.

Only fast selling items in a good assortment—at prices becoming to the most economical of distribution plans—lowest possible overhead expense.

A nice, clean place you will like. We invite you to come and see us. If you haven't time during business hours, come in the evening.

North Hervey and Division Sts.

BOB HUGUENIN

Proprietor

Staple Groceries

Tobacco, Cigars

Cold Drinks

Bread, Milk, Etc.

## BEWARE THE COUGH OR COLD THAT HANGS ON

Persistent coughs and colds lead to serious trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified croton that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a new medical discovery with two-fold action; it soothes and heals the inflamed membranes and inhibits germ growth. Of all known drugs, croton is recognized by high medical authorities as one of the greatest healing agencies for persistent coughs and colds and other forms of lung trouble. Creomulsion contains, in addition to croton, other healing elements which soothe and heal the inflamed membranes and stop the irritation and inflammation, while the croton goes on to the stomach, is absorbed into the blood, attacks the seat of the trouble and checks the growth of the germ. Creomulsion is guaranteed satisfactory in the treatment of persistent coughs and colds, bronchial asthma, whooping cough and other forms of respiratory disease, and is excellent for building up the system after colds or flu. Money refunded if any cough or cold, no matter how long standing, is not relieved after taking according to directions. Ask your druggist, and if in doubt, ask your druggist, and if in doubt, ask your druggist.

## CREOMULSION

FOR THE COUGH OR COLD THAT HANGS ON



# GUILTY LIPS

by LAURA LOU BROOKMAN  
Author of "MAD MARRIAGE"

you about. I don't know just how to begin."

The girl gave him a quick glance. "If there's anything at all I can do," she said, "I hope you'll tell me. I'll never be able to repay all the kind things you've done for me."

"Nonsense. I haven't done anything and there's nothing for you to repay. I don't want you to feel that way. There's a question I want to ask you, Norma, and your answer is going to mean a lot to me. It's going to help me decide something—something terribly important! Oh, I know this is no time to talk about such things but it's the first chance I've had to see you alone in weeks. I hope you'll understand."

There was a step in the doorway. Mrs. Everett stood there, smiling as usual.

SHE came forward, carrying a letter. "I wonder, Mr. Farrell," she said, "if you would drop this letter in the mail box when you go tonight. I'm anxious for it to get off tonight. The box is just in front of the entrance in case you didn't notice it. They make the next collection at 9:30."

Bob said he would be glad to post the letter, took it and slipped it in his coat pocket. Mrs. Everett settled herself and began talking about the Spring Music Festival to begin the following week.

Norma understood the woman was trying to keep the conversation from drifting to the ordeal of the coming trial but Bob appeared restless.

Presently he looked at his wrist watch. "Time for me to be going," he announced. "I won't forget the letter, Mrs. Everett." With a hand on the door knob he paused to say to Norma, "I'll try to get out on another evening soon. Take good care of yourself. Well, good night!"

"Alone" in her room a little later Norma puzzled over the interrupted conversation. Another proposal? Was that what Bob had meant when he said, "There's a question I want to ask you." Another proposal from Bob?

Norma slipped out of her garments and into the borrowed night gown. She sat on the edge of the bed and considered this possibility. Could Bob Farrell whom she had three times refused to marry, whom she had treated so shamefully when she eloped with Mark, still care for her enough to want to marry her? Could Bob love her that way?

"He's the best person I've ever known," Norma told herself. "No one of the best. Bob isn't any better than Chris. They're both wonderful. Nobody ever had finer friends than I have."

But could she marry Bob Farrell? It was a long while before Norma dropped to sleep. She awoke in surprise to find herself in strange surroundings. Then she remembered where she was. When Mrs. Everett tapped on the bedroom door to announce that breakfast was ready Norma had finished dressing.

The day that followed and the ones that came after it were curious. Neither Norma or Mrs. Everett left the apartment.

It was a curious existence, being in the world and not being in it. Sunday passed exactly as the week days except that Chris and Bob arrived together for a brief visit. There was no chance for Norma to talk to either of them alone.

Monday passed slowly and Tuesday dragged. A package arrived, sent by Chris. It contained Norma's suit and some other clothing. The suit had long since lost its elegance. It was the one Norma had worn on her honeymoon journey a year and a half before. She was to wear it in the courtroom next day.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Everett coached Norma about the trial. She explained the proceedings, told the girl what to expect. If Mrs. Everett had seemed a pleasant, talkative housewife previously now Norma understood that she was far more than that. She knew the facts of the Wellington investigation as well as the district attorney himself—appeared to.

"I'll be right with you, child," she told the girl repeatedly. "There's nothing for you to be afraid of and I'll be right behind you."

Norma strove to conceal her nervousness. She was nervous—no use to deny it!

"Remember," Mrs. Everett's calm voice went on. "You're doing this as much for others as yourself. Oh, I'm sure you'll be brave. And 24 hours from now the whole thing will be over."

Before Norma's eyes there arose a blurred vision of staring faces—men and women craning their necks to look at her, whispering voices, cameras clicking, alert, determined reporters. Twenty-four hours! Oh, could she go through all that nightmare again? Twenty-four hours—!

A POLICEMAN was at Norma's elbow. "Stand back!" he roared. "D'you hear me?—Stand back!"

The crowd on the sidewalk edged backward. Through the narrow passageway the girl felt herself being pushed and pulled forward. The door of the waiting taxi opened. Norma stumbled inside, sank back against the leather cushions.

"Chris!" she moaned. "Oh, Chris—!"

The older girl's arms were around her. "But it's all over, honey! There's nothing to cry about now. It's all over!"

Norma's head was pillowed against Chris's shoulder. She clung to the other girl helplessly. Norma was weeping tears of exhaustion. She drew far back into the dark corner of the cab.

"I want to go home, Chris!" she moaned. "Home!"

The cab had pulled away from the curb. "Mrs. Everett said you were to go to her apartment—" Chris began but Norma shook her head.

"I want to go home!" she repeated. "Away from all those people. Don't make me go back there again! Please take me home!"

"Why, of course—of course if you feel that way about it! You don't have to go any place you don't want to!" Chris leaned forward, gave the driver the address of the apartment the girls shared.

Norma's sobbing continued for several moments. Presently she was quiet, rubbed her eyes with a handkerchief.

"Everyone thought you were wonderful," Chris said in a low voice. "You didn't see the newspapers, did you? They say it's only the beginning of a tremendous cleanup. They say the investigation is going on until it reaches the head of a nation-wide ring of horse 'dopers'."

Meehan was turned up by two negroes whom he gave \$5,000 to put sponges in the nostrils of race-horses just before an important track event. The sponges wouldn't affect the horse in the light try-outs, but on the long stretch under fire a great racing machine broke down—wound up at the barrier strangled and exhausted.

This is damaging stuff to heroes. We don't fancy the idea of men shooting women. I don't recall that Nick Carter's bad men, or the Jesse James of real life, made girls their victims. That wouldn't fit into the true picture of a "he-killer."

But there's not much "he man" in all Gangland—as the newspapers sooner or later tell you.

Human beings are peculiar. It is my guess that the nation won't get half as worked up over a Chicago tough murdering his sweetie, as it will

## Sharps and Flats

A Department In Which The Editor of The Star Plays His Own Piano

Romances that they say the newspapers weave about famous gangsters got a jolt Sunday.

Chicago's "toughest gangster" is wanted for killing a girl—his wife.

In New York, Jimmy Meehan, who was a lieutenant of the late Arnold Rothstein, is arrested as the head of a nation-wide ring of horse "dopers."

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Anybody who has ever known a horse, saddle, wagon or plow, would like to lay hands on Jimmy Meehan. You say that the newspapers make heroes out of gangsters? You are wrong. Most of the time the newspapers tell you the plain, unvarnished facts—but a bored public fancies the picture to its own liking. Here is action, adventure, thrills and you imagine this actor is a hero. But if you stopped to think you would know him by his surroundings, his associates, his environment. He's just an ordinary wife-killer, or a poisoner of race-horses.

In your own neighborhood you would call this fellow a rat.

Well, he's no less a rat a thousand miles away in a big city—if you read your newspaper correctly.

## Notre Dame Tied By Northwestern

Georgia Beats Yale, and Vanderbilt Whips Ohio State

Northwestern university, of Evanston, Ill., looms up as a probably Big Ten champion this year as the result of fighting Notre Dame to a scoreless tie at Chicago last Saturday.

Seventy-five thousand spectators sat through a drenching rain while a powerful Northwestern eleven met an equally powerful and more famous Notre Dame squad in an evenly matched contest. Without a break on either side, scoring was impossible, as the mud made offensive thrusts hard to start and equally hard to control. Neither team could crack the other's defense.

At New Haven, Ct., a powerful University of Georgia team smashed Yale wide-open, 26 to 7. Albion Booth, Yale's little star, stepped off one 75-yard run—but all the rest belonged to the Georgia Bulldogs.

Another notable Southern victory occurred at Columbus, Ohio, when Vanderbilt defeated Ohio State 26 to 21.

Auburn, another highly touted Dixie eleven, upset the dope by touting the powerful University of Wisconsin team 7 to 7.

Arkansas suffered a crushing de-

## Hooks and Slides

by WILLIAM BRANCHER

**Heroes Return**  
HEROIC ghosts of other days reappear at world series time. They gather in the crowded hotel lobbies to talk over the bright past.

Such a specter is Howard Ehmke. The world series has known some smart pitching, but seldom has the feat of Ehmke been equaled for pure sagacity.

Shortly before the baseball season of 1929 ended, Connie Mack left Ehmke in Philadelphia to study the Cub batters during a series with the Phils. Ehmke armed himself with a fat notebook, took a seat back of home plate and wrote what he saw.

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**Specializes**  
HE saw most of the Cub batters hitting into right field. They liked outside balls. Their preference was for fast ones.

Ehmke had three deliveries—overhand, sidearm, underhand. He decided he would use the underhand delivery. In the pinches upon delivering the ball he would step sharply to the right. This made the ball come up to the plate out of the background of his blue-gray uniform. It was hard to see. Using that trick delivery for putting over the third strike, Ehmke fanned 13 in the first game of the series of 1929, winning 3 to 1.

One of the tough spots of that game came in the third inning. There were runners on second and third, one was out and Hornsby and Wilson coming up. Ehmke curved over a strike. The next one he shot high and inside for strike two. Hornsby, who had stood calm watching the first two go past, now set himself. Ehmke probably would try another of those curves over the outside corner. That was good baseball logic. Hornsby tightened; he was ready.

And Ehmke sent him along another one high and inside. It caught the Rajah off balance. Strike three!

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**Serves Fade Away**  
NOW for Wilson. A high one inside and a curve went for two strikes. The next ball was "out of the uniform" and Mack hardly saw the thing until it waited past him. He swung, but the ball wasn't there.

So it went on, inning after inning.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT—**  
THERE have been close batting races before 1931. Back in 1910 Larry Lajole and Ty Cobb were fighting it out for the leadership on the last day of the season. . . . the prize was a gift automobile. . . . Larry had lots of friends among the players. . . . Ty didn't. . . . In a double-header on the last day at St. Louis Larry got eight hits in eight times at bat. . . . six of 'em were bunts down the third base line. . . . but he couldn't beat out Cobb at that. . . . Ty won by a fraction of a point. . . . there was a big hullabaloo. . . . and the third baseman of the Browns was the goat. . . . he was quietly dismissed from the league.

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In the ninth another tough spot came when the Cubs had runners on first and third with two out. Tolson was pinch-hitting, and Ehmke knew nothing about him, never having seen him play.

He mixed them up. First he curved over a strike. Then he wasted a ball. Another ball. Then a strike. With two and two, he tried to slip one across the outside, but the umpire called it a ball. Three and two.

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**Mickey Helps Out**  
HE called Cochrane out to the box. They held a short conference. Cochrane returned to his post and as he passed Tolson he remarked: "Gee, I can't understand that guy; his control is good, that's one thing sure."

Ehmke drew back to pitch. As the ball came down into the groove, Cochrane yelled sharply, "Hit it!"

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